

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request examination of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. No claims have been added or amended. Claims 1-12 have been canceled. Thus, claims 13-18 are pending.

Election/Restriction

In the parent application, the first Office Action identified two inventions consisting of claims 1-12 (Claim Group I) and claims 13-18 (Claim Group II). Applicants elected the invention of Claim Group I in the parent application. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled claims 1-12 in the present application to pursue Claim Group II in this divisional application.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to correct the informalities identified during prosecution of the parent application.

Declarations Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

In the parent application a reference entitled "High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection System," February 2000 (*HDCP*) was cited as an anticipatory reference. Submitted herewith (attached as Appendix A) are the declarations of Robert W. Faber, David A. Lee, Brendan S. Traw and Gary L. Graunke pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. The declarations with supporting documentation establish conception of the claimed invention prior to the publication of *HDCP*. Therefore, *HDCP* does not qualify as prior art.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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